## School—Perumatti Village.

**44. Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any school in the Perumatti Village in the Chittur Taluk;

(b) whether the Government consider the desirability of having one school;

(c) if so, when?

**Mr. I. N. Menon.**—(a) No.

(b) and (c) The question will be considered after the orders are passed on the Educational Survey Report.

## Panchayat—Criminal Powers.

**45. Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any Panchayat in the State exercising Criminal powers ?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—None.

## Repair of Roads—Nemmara Panchayat.

**46. Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether sufficient funds have been allotted to the Nemmara Panchayat to repair the roads under its control;

(b) whether some of the public tanks under the control of the Nemmara Panchayat require immediate repairs;

(c) if the answer to question (b) is in the affirmative, what is the arrangement now made?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) If funds permit, provision will be made for the works in the 1109 budget.

## The Cochin Hydro-Electric Scheme.

**47. Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total amount spent by the Government for the investigation of the above scheme up-to-date;

(b) the names of the Engineering experts who have reported on the feasibility or otherwise of the same;

(c) the total amount of estimated expenditure for the scheme;

(d) the power that was expected from the working of the scheme?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—(a) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 23 of Budget Session of 1107. A further expenditure of Rs. 216—12—0 has since been incurred.

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(b) Mr. S. G. Forbes.
British Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co., Bombay.
Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon and Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton.

(c) and (d) The scheme is only under consideration of the Government and the estimate and other details connected with the scheme have not been decided on.

**Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—I wanted to know the amount of expenditure and the power expected from the scheme. I suppose the reports referred to give all these details.

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—The report referred to gives all these details. The report has not yet been accepted by the Government. It is under consideration.

**Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Is there anything confidential in the report? I wish to know the power that is expected out of it—how much power can be got out of it.

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—It depends upon the extent we are going to develop the scheme. Ultimately it is capable of indefinite expansion. The power is capable of indefinite expansion. We have got more than one scheme.

**Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Have they worked out any details for any expansion?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—Yes.

**Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—According to that what will be the expenditure and the power obtained?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—There is the British Westinghouse Electric scheme. There is the scheme of Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Tritten. Each scheme has its own power estimate.

**Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Between the schemes have we any information?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—All these schemes are under consideration. The Government will accept one scheme. The scheme will be capable of indefinite expansion.

**Mr. George Chaykamuri.**—What does the scheme cost? What will be the expenditure?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—One scheme costs about 70 lakhs, another scheme about 40 or 50 lakhs.

**Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the power that it would yield if these amounts are expended?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—5,500 kilowatts. But we have got more than one scheme.

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**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—With reference to the answer to question No. 23 we find that an amount of Rs. 82,527 has been spent; and there is another clause there, "It is a laborious task to collect details of expenditure incurred before 1105" May I know approximately what is the amount that has been spent prior to 1105?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—I want notice.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Is there any scheme under consideration to purchase power from outside?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—The question comes later on, Q. No. 50. It is under consideration.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—From where, please?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—From Pykara.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Are there any conditions under correspondence?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—Yes.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—What are they?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—They are confidential.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—May I know whether there is any truth in the feeling among the people that the whole question has been shelved for the time?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—It is not shelved.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—In the event of the Government coming to any terms with the Pykara scheme, will they not have to shelve the scheme here?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—No.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—What is it that induced the Government to enter into terms with outsiders when the question here is under consideration?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—The scheme under consideration costs about 60 or 70 lakhs. The difficulty of financing it immediately is the reason why we are trying to get power from outside for a number of years by which time we will be in a better financial position.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Can I take it that the idea of the Government is only to shelve the matter for a time?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—There is no question of shelving at all. One need not deter the other. One may help the other. If we get power from outside the initial works will be done by them and we will be in a position to take this up at a later time. Our scheme is not to be shelved. One is only helping the other. It is only another stage in the development of electric power in the State. By the time we will have explored new fields of expansion. Therefore, one need not deter the other.

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